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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA, PDEV
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: EXPULSION OF HUNKE AND MORROW

REF: STATE 182885

1. AFTER INFORMING BRITISH AND GERMAN EMBASSIES, I CALLED
VAN DALSEN TODAY TO ASSOCIATE USG WITH REPRESENTATIONS MADE
BY BRITISH AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS REGARDING THE EXPULSION OF
FATHER HUNKE AND THE MORROWS. (FOURIE HAS BEEN ON A GAME PARK
VACATION SINCE LAST THURSDAY AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL COMING
WEEKEND.) I CHARACTERIZED THE EXPULSIONS AS UNCALLED FOR AND
EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH ACTIONS COULD BE USED IN THE UPCOMING
SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE TO QUESTION THE ROLE PROVIDED FOR THE AG
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IN THE WESTERN FIVE'S PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS THE AG'S CAPACITY
OR INTENT TO FULFILL THAT ROLE IN GOOD FAITH. VAN DALSEN SAID
HE ASSUMED I WAS NOT CHALLENGING THE GROUNDS ON WHICH THESE
PEOPLE WERE EXPELLED, TO WHICH I REPLIED THAT I HAD NO
INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT ANY GROUNDS WERE EVER GIVEN; THUS
I WAS AWARE OF NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE EXPULSION AND WAS ALL
THE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECT SUCH ACTIONS COULD HAVE AT

THIS CRUCIAL STAGE OF GETTING THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS UNDER WAY. (EXPELLEES HAVE, OF COURSE, ALREADY GONE.)

2. VAN DALSEN SAID HE WOULD PASS MY REMARKS ON TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND STATED, AS HE HAD ALREADY DONE TO THE BRITISH AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS, THAT HE HAD PASSED THEIR EARLIER REPRESENTATIONS ON TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE PRESENCE OF BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND ADMINISTRATOR GERERAL STEYN. THUS THEY HAD REACHED THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

3. COMMENT: SIR DAVID SCOTT SAID THAT VAN DALSEN HAD ALSO ADDED THAT "NONE OF THEM REACTED" WHEN HE PASSED ON THE EARLIER REPRESENTATIONS. SCOTT IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE, AND I AGREE, THAT THE SAG WANTED TO GET HUNKE AND THE MORROWS OUT BEFORE A UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WAS NAMED. THE ACTION MAY HAVE BEEN CONTEMPLATED FOR SOME TIME BUT COULD HAVE BEEN ACCELERATED BY SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL. SUCH EXPULSIONS WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT BE AS EASY TO ACCOMPLISH, IF INDEED POSSIBLE, AFTER A UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IS IN PLACE.
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